96. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Member, Quilon taluk, Group II*) said that the need for the conversion of the trace from Quilon to Mukhattala into a public road had been pressed at the Assembly ever since its inception. The Government had sanctioned the construction of that road but that was not enough. At least the portion up to the Ayattil *todu* should be finished and a bridge constructed across it in consideration of the heavy traffic on the road.

The road leading from the Sub-Registrar's office at Kundara to the Kanjirakod landing was in disrepair. Its total length was only 6 furlongs. On one side of the road the ground level was 800 to 900 feet below the road. As that was very dangerous, the road should be widened and a parapet wall should be put up on that side. The former Dewan had seen the place and promised to order the improvement of the road but nothing had been done. The work should be taken up without further delay.

The trace leading from the western side of the Kundara Sub-Registrar's office to the Kundara-Kallada road should be improved and converted into a cart road. Five culverts had to be constructed on this road and if they were finished, the major portion of the work on the road might be deemed to have been over. The subject had been pressed at more than one previous session of the Assembly and the former Dewan had also inspected this place.

A new road should be opened from the Quilon-Shencotta road, 6th mile, 2nd furlong, to Puyapalli *via* Nedumankadavu. The matter had been urged upon the Government at previous sessions too. The plan and estimate for the road were ready. The work should be put in hand soon, as it was a very useful and important road.

The next public work that was necessary in the Quilon taluk was the construction of a bridge across the Tevalli *kadavu* for connecting Perinad with the Quilon town. The member conceded that the proposal involved a heavy outlay but pointed out that the bridge would be exceedingly useful, and had formed the subject of representation at previous sessions.

Passing on to irrigational needs, the member said that culverts and sluices should be constructed at the southern and western outlets of the Kuntuman *chira* to regulate the supply of water to the fields. The need had been brought to the notice of the Government several times before but nothing had been done. The *chira* was being annually silted up.

Secondly, a scheme should be prepared for the better utilisation of the water in Chuttumala *chira* for irrigation purposes. When the *chira* was flooded, the adjoining fields were damaged by *azhukichetam*. Arrangements should be made for the prevention of such damage.

A Government Ayurveda hospital and dispensary should be established at Quilon or at least a grant-in-aid institution. There was only one institution of its kind and that at Trivandrum. Quilon was also an important town and deserved a similar institution. The Municipality could not arrange for this for want of funds.

Two or more additional *vaidyasalas* should be opened at Quilon. Judged from the standpoint of population, four or five *vaidyasalas* were necessary. At least two *vaidyasalas* should therefore be opened in the town immediately.

A railway station should be opened at Karikod, between Quilon and Kundara. It would be very useful to the local inhabitants.

Arrangements should be made for the halting of the Trivandrum Express at Kundara on its way from Trivandrum. The local inhabitants had already submitted a memorial on the subject and the matter was engaging the attention of the Government. An early decision should be arrived at in the matter.

Other needs of the taluk mentioned by the member were the following :—

(1) Removal of the Police Station at Kundara to a place near the railway station.

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(2) The Stationary Magistrate's Court, Quilon, should be removed and located in the premises of the District Court.

(3) The Registration jurisdiction over the Kottankara *pakuthi* should be transferred from the Additional Sub-Registrar, Quilon, to the Sub-Registrar, Kundara. The greatest and least distances of the *pakuthi* from the Sub-Registrar's office, Kundara, were 3 miles and 2 furlongs respectively, while the corresponding distances from the Additional Sub-Registrar's office, Quilon, were 12 miles and 5 miles, respectively. In order to avoid the trouble and expenses of going to Quilon, the people of the above *pakuthi* were registering their documents at the Kundara Sub-Registrar's office by payment of additional Registration fee.

(4) The Police jurisdiction over the Vadakkevila *pakuthi* should be transferred from the Paravur station to the Quilon Taluk station. The latter was very much nearer to the *pakuthi*.

(5) A *visha-vaidyasala* should be opened at Kilikollur which abounded in venomous snakes.

(6) The old well in the Kannanallur market should be repaired and a new well also sunk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, I think practically all the points that you have brought forward this year were those brought forward last year also. And since last year some of them are under progress and all that you want now is that Government's decision should be given speedy effect to. Well, I shall ask the Heads of the Departments concerned to expedite the completion of these without any further delay.

As regards the Tevalli bridge it will cost lakhs of rupees. The Chief Engineer has ascertained that at least 800 people cross every day up and down. If you cannot have a bridge, I will see whether you can have a steam ferry.

The Member desired that the bridge should be constructed in the time of the existing Chief Engineer. He wanted the Tevalli bridge to be the first great bridge constructed during the time of the existing Dewan and was anxious that the work should be commenced during 1102.

DEWAN: That is very expensive.

97. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

MR. RAMAN PILLAI NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Member, Kottarakara taluk*) said that most of the subjects he was going to represent had been brought forward at previous sessions of the Assembly but that many of the needs remained still unsatisfied. The fields adjacent to the Pulaman *todu* were suffering from drought because the level of the *todu* had gone down rendering diversion of water to the fields impossible. But if a branch canal be opened from Meenpidipara, the water could be easily diverted to the fields. An estimate for the work had been prepared. The work should be started next year and provision made for it in the budget.

A new bridge at Cherupoika on the village road from Puttur to Kallada was necessary. The old bridge at the place had been destroyed long ago. It should be constructed during the current or the next year.

Another bridge at the Karimpuzhayattu *kadavu* on the Kottarakara-Sastankotta road was also absolutely necessary. But the Chief Engineer had reported that, on account of the heavy outlay involved, it could be taken up only after more urgent works were finished. That bridge too was an urgent work and should be taken up early.

Under roads, the member wanted the following to be taken up early:—

(1) Conversion of the village road from Kundara to Puyapalli into a public road.

(2) A road from Vilangara on the Kottarakara-Veliyam road to the Main Central road *via* Ummannur.

(3) Construction of the sanctioned road from Kunnikod on the Shencotta road to Anchal.

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